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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of the invention of Group I in the reply filed on October 21, 2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 12-15 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Howells (Figures 1-2). Howells discloses a first closure piece 19 connected at a corner with second piece (end cap in Figure 1) and first piece 18.

Claims 1-2 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wijkstrom. Wijkstrom discloses a first closure piece 1 connected at a corner with second piece (column 4, lines 20-22) and first piece 3.

Claims 1-2 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wijkstrom et al. Wijkstrom et al discloses a first closure piece 1 connected at a corner with second piece 6 and first piece 2.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The German documents cited on the PTO-1449 have been considered to the extent of the drawings.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancene can be reached on (571) 272-4930. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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